



**RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING
DEPENDABLE, AFFORDABLE, BROADBAND ACCESS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of JEFFERSON ISD is empowered by Texas Education Code §11.1515 to provide oversight regarding student academic achievement and strategic leadership for maximizing student performance; and,

WHEREAS, the JEFFERSON ISD is committed to providing the highest quality education to its students in preparation for college, university, trade school, careers, citizenship, and lifelong learning; and,

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, school districts became intimately aware of the fact that not all school districts, schools, homes, and businesses have the same access to reliable internet. Students in rural school districts often incur challenges with remote learning while quarantined or ill; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency administers the STAAR tests through an on-line platform;

WHEREAS, no student should be placed at a disadvantage in academic performance or assessment due solely to geographic residence or because their family cannot afford reliable internet access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of JEFFERSON ISD adopts the recitals above as findings of fact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JEFFERSON ISD joins the Texas Rural Broadband Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of students and educators alike, the JEFFERSON ISD requests that Governor Gregg Abbott, the Comptroller, and the Texas Education Agency continue to act promptly to ensure equitable and affordable opportunities for rural students to access fully the benefits and privileges of the Texas public school system without regard to geographic residence. We appreciate that our Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and other legislators have made broadband a priority. We will support the initiative to get reliable internet service to rural Texas.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____, 2024, by JEFFERSON ISD Board of Trustees.

Board President

Board Secretary